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Winchester Beat looks at override in new Perspectives show

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Check out the latest episode of Winchester Beat, where a new program called Winchester Perspectives debuted this week. COURTESY PHOTO/WINCHESTER BEAT

The following was submitted by Winchester Beat:

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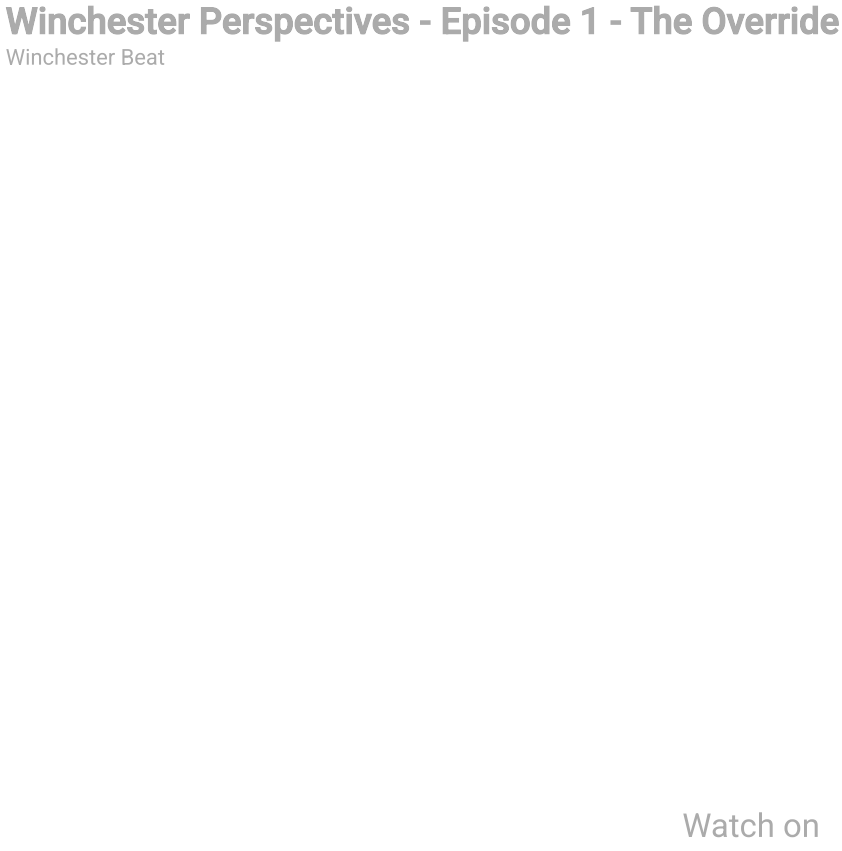
Winchester Beat announced a new program this week called Winchester Perspectives.

The first episode focuses on the proposed override and the State of the Town (SOTT) process, featuring a conversation with SOTT members Paras Bhayani, Stefanie Mnayarji, and Derek Ross.

“The idea is to help residents make an informed vote,” said Tara Hughes.

“People on all sides of the issue might be surprised at some of what they hear,” added Jennifer Haefeli.



The show is available on Apple, Spotify, WinCam, and YouTube, including video depending on the platform. Time stamps for key subjects are below.

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Program Time Stamps:

- General override info: ~1:00

- Debt exclusion vs. an override: ~4:55

- State of the Town process: ~6:25

- Town's Financial Situation: ~9:30

- Non-residential revenue: ~13:00

- Development: ~15:00

- Schools impact (including literacy): ~21:00

- Muraco: ~28:00

- Override fatigue: ~31:00

- Town impact: ~36:00

- Affordabilty: ~41:00

- Residential Tax Exemption: ~42:00

- WinCam in the override: ~44:00

- Yes campaign statement: ~46:00

- No campaign did not submit a statement.

- Voting information: ~47:00

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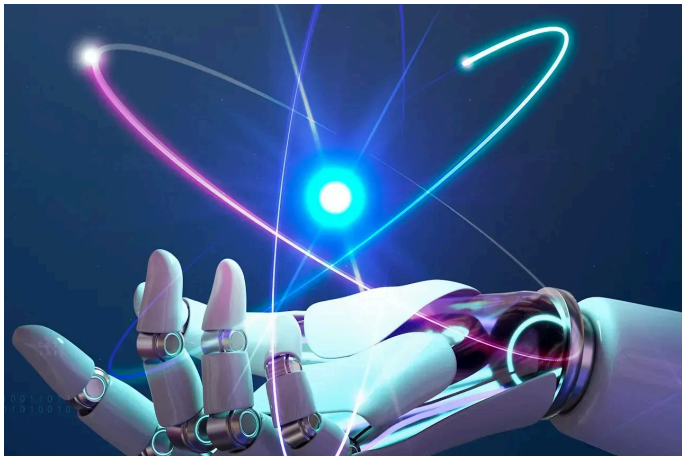

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Jenks Science and Tech Talks discuss AI topics

The AI bubble myth – intelligence incorporated and the global race On Feb. 13, a member of the International Hall of Fame of Women in Technology, Dr. Jennie Hwang, added another dimension to our discussion of AI. Many of us will remember the “dot com” bubble of the late 1990s and

RON LATANISION | JENKS SCIENCE & TECH TALKS and JOHN BROWN | JENKS SCIENCE & TECH TALKS

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Thank you, Winchester, for your donations

Dear Editor, I am writing to thank the residents of Winchester for demonstrating their community spirit and commitment to sustainability by donating nearly 160,000 pounds of clothing and household goods to Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries in 2025. Goodwill is a community-based nonprofit that relies on these donations to support

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Civics: The operating manual For government

Civics, is a vital set of concepts, that everyone — students, teachers, voters, and actually, all individuals in society — should know, and in one way or another, participate in. Civic Learning Week — from Monday, March 9 through Friday, March 13, 2026 — is an opportunity to learn, reflect, and share knowledge of

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Salvation Army thanks Winchester for Red Kettle Campaign support

To the Editor: As we begin 2026, The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the residents, businesses, and volunteers in the Winchester area who supported the 2025 Red Kettle Campaign. Your generosity and kindness during the holiday season brought comfort, hope, and tangible support

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

NEIL ZOLOT | CORRESPONDENT

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John Bellaire, 22, among youngest townwide winners in Winchester history

He won all eight precincts after a door-to-door campaign that emphasized direct voter contact over institutional backing.

WILL DOWD | STAFF WRITER

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EVENTS

Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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EVENTS

Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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